

GERMAN FORT ON HILL NO. 304 TAKEN BY STORM

Important French Gain on the Northeast Slope Was Accomplished Only After Severe Fighting, According to the Official Statement Issued in Paris To-day

GERMAN TRENCHES ON HILL 287 RAIDED

The Attacking Party Killed or Captured the Occupants of the Positions—French Aeroplanes Dropped More Shells on the Railway Station at Metz

Paris, May 18.—Several attacks were made by German troops on the Verdun front last night in an effort to capture a redoubt at Avocourt. The official statement to-day says the Germans were repulsed each time and lost heavily.

French troops, after severe fighting, captured a German fort on the northeast slope of hill 304. Three German trenches north of hill 287 were raided by French forces, which killed or captured the occupants of the positions on the Verdun front. East of the Meuse the artillery on both sides was active during the night.

Two French aeroplanes dropped 80 more shells on the railway station at Metz on the night of May 18.

The official report of last night reads as follows: "In the region of Verdun there was great activity by the artillery of both sides in the sectors of Avocourt, hill 304 and between Donaucourt and Vaux. On the rest of the front there was no important event except quite lively mine fighting in the Argonne."

"In the course of the day one of our pilots in an air fight brought down a German aeroplane which fell northwest of Rezonville. Another enemy aeroplane shot down by one of ours fell in the region of Ban de Sept."

"To-day one of our squadrons bombarded the Metz-Sablons station, on which it dropped 25 shells of large calibre."

"In the region of Verdun the aerial activity was particularly important. Thirty-three combats took place and three German aeroplanes were brought down. All our machines returned."

FRENCH REPULSED.

Germans Claim to Have Put Down Three Attacks.

Berlin, May 18.—The repulse to-day of three attacks by the French against German positions on hill 304 was announced by the war office.

ITALY THOUGHT ABLE TO WITHSTAND ALL AUSTRIAN EFFORT

French Military Authorities State that Italians Have Built Up Best Defense that Engineering Skill Could Devise—Austrian Offensive Make Big Advance.

Paris, May 18.—The attack launched by the Austrians against the Italian front in southern Tyrol and which was gradually extended to the entire Austro-Italian front is being followed here with close attention. It is generally believed in military circles that the great Austrian offensive expected for some time past, at last has begun.

French military authorities are satisfied that the Austrians are doomed to failure regardless of what efforts they may make. It is pointed out that the Italians have made every possible preparation for such an attack as the present and that the most powerful defense that engineering skill could devise has been prepared on the Asiago plateau and in the mountains northwest of Asiago. It is on this line that the Italians are expected to make their real stand in the event that the Austrians continue to push the offensive.

London, May 18.—Interest in the war operations has suddenly shifted to the Italian front where the Austrians have begun to attack along the whole line, but particularly in southern Tyrol against the Italian troops threatening Trent.

Here the Italian troops occupied positions just over the Austrian border from the Adige valley, south of Rovereto, to the Asiago valley. The Austrian attacks cover a front of twenty-three miles.

The Italians admit their retirement on this front and the latest official Austrian account claims continued gains, the capture of several enemy positions and the penetration of the Terragona sector, the driving of the Italians from Moschero and the storming of Zegnatona during the night.

The total Austrian captures number 141 officers and 6,290 men besides thirteen guns and seventeen machine guns.

27 AIR BATTLES

Reported By the British Official Communication.

London, May 18.—The British official statement last night on the campaign in France and Belgium reads: "There have been considerable artillery and trench mortar actions to-day about

Auchonvillers, Cabaret Rouge, Souchez, Calonne, Cuinchy, the Hohenzollern redoubt and Ypres. There has been intermittent shelling at other points along the front.

"Last night raiding parties of Seaforth Highlanders entered German trenches north of Roubaix. Five Germans were killed in their trenches. Three dugouts full of Germans were bombed, one being blown up. Our casualties were slight. The whole of the raiding parties got back to our trenches."

"Fighting continued among the craters of mines we blew up on the 15th on the Vimy ridge."

"Yesterday fine weather favored aerial activity and 27 combats in the air took place. An Albatross was attacked and driven down, wrecked, near Lille. Another was driven down north of Vitry in a damaged condition. A third, attacked by one of our scouts, was seen to turn upside down near the ground."

"One of our reconnaissance machines failed to return. It was seen to land under control in hostile territory. One of our scout aeroplanes also is missing. A great deal of successful aerial photographic work was accomplished."

ITALIAN TOWNS BOMBARDED BY AEROPLANES

Official Dispatch Tells of Great Activity by Austrian Air Forces But that No Military Results Were Accomplished.

Rome, via Paris, May 18.—An official dispatch from Italian headquarters at Udine yesterday reports that Austrian aeroplanes are displaying great activity and have made several attacks on towns in the vicinity of Venice. It is stated that these attacks caused insignificant material damage, that no lives were lost and that no military results were accomplished.

Several Italian cities, in addition to Venice, were attacked in the recent aerial raids, which were effective, the statement adds.

AUSTRIAN BODIES FLOAT DOWN RIVER

Heaviest Fighting for a Year Is Taking Place on Austro-Italian Front, Where General Austrian Offensive Has Started.

Geneva, Switzerland, via Paris, May 18.—Innsbruck reports indicate the heaviest fighting between Italy and Austria during a year is in progress in the Revere and Sugana valley regions, while there is every evidence that the Austrians have begun a general offensive from the Alps to the Adriatic.

A large number of bodies of Austrian soldiers, killed during the fighting, are said to be floating down the river Adige. The Austrians are using several batteries, the heaviest guns being brought from Germany.

AMERICANS IN AIR RAID.

As Part of French Troops Sustained Heavy Shelling.

Paris, May 18.—The American aviators who have been in the service of the French army for the past year, and who were recently brought together to form a flotilla under the name of the Franco-American Flying corps, took part in an expedition over the German lines yesterday for the first time as a separate unit. They sustained particularly heavy shelling as they recrossed the front.

The machine piloted by Lieut. William K. Thaw of Pittsburgh, lost part of its tail piece, and the propeller was damaged by a shell, but Lieut. Thaw brought it safely back to camp.

Corporal Victor Chapman's machine also was hit and driven out of its course, returning to its base so late as to cause anxiety regarding Chapman's fate.

Corporal J. M. McConnell, of Carthage, N. C., was flying at a height of 12,000 feet but German shells burst all around him, showing that the range of the German anti-aircraft guns has been lengthened since daybreak and spent nearly two hours reconnoitering under sustained fire, but encountered no German machines and no one was wounded.

Sergeant Elliott Cowdin of New York, Corporal Kiffin Rockwell of Atlanta, Ga., Sergeant Norman Prince of Prides Crossing, Mass., and Sergeant Hall of Galveston, Tex., also took part in the expedition.

Three more Franco-American flotillas are to be organized from the 40 additional American volunteers now in training.

VATICAN SEEKS END OF SUBMARINE WAR

British Government Hears that Pope Has Made Representations to Germany with That View.

London, May 18.—Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the government has been informed by Sir Henry Howard, British military attaché at the Vatican, that representations have been made to Germany by the Vatican with a view to inducing Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

BRITISH LOST MONITOR.

Admit That Turkish Batteries' Fire Was Effective.

London, May 18.—A brief official statement issued last evening admits the loss of a small monitor, the M-30, as a result of the fire of Turkish batteries. The monitor was reported as having been set on fire and sunk, in a Turkish official statement Tuesday. The British admiralty denied the statement, but says later advice confirms the Turkish report. Two men were killed and two wounded.

ARTILLERY IN USE

On Austro-Italian Front, Says Austrian Statement.

Berlin, via wireless, May 18.—Artillery engagements are in progress along the Austro-Italian front, where the Austrians began their offensive movement several days ago. An official Austrian statement of Wednesday reports the capture of new positions on the Dobersdo plateau, where the fighting was particularly severe.

CONCILIATING IRISH PEOPLE

In Pursuance of That Plan, Premier Asquith Went to Cork

TO MEET LEADERS OF NATIONALISTS

After the Conferences, He Will Return to Dublin

Dublin, via London, May 18.—Premier Asquith left this morning for Cork, where he is expected to hold several conferences with Nationalist leaders in south Ireland, after which he will return to Dublin.

Premier Asquith has reached the conclusion from impressions gathered during his Irish visit that the old form of government in Ireland has had its day. The Associated Press learns from sources in the closest touch with the premier that Mr. Asquith's conversations and conferences have convinced him that the future government must be conducted on an entirely different system.

The prime minister has taken care to learn the ideas and views of many persons other than those in purely official circles, and these persons have offered greatly varied suggestions. None of these, it is believed, could be adopted in its entirety, but it is thought they might be welded together to form a proposal to lay before the cabinet. The premier himself does not know what form his proposal will eventually take, and, in fact, it will probably be fully developed only at the cabinet meeting.

His Belfast visit gave a good hint to the premier that the Ulsterites would not accept a direct proposal implying home rule. But it is believed that they might be induced to enter into a concerted plan which could possibly be arranged to meet their most serious objections.

FORCE STILL NEEDED

To Back Up Our Moral Influence, Declares Taft.

Mohank Lake, N. Y., May 18.—William H. Taft appeared before the Lake Mohank conference on international arbitration last night as a missionary for the league to enforce peace. In taking his place as presiding officer here, Mr. Taft answered the pacifists who object to the new league because it presupposes the use of force. He replied also to critics of the league who believed it would draw the United States into "entangling alliances."

"I do not think we have reached a time," said Mr. Taft, "when force as an aid to a moral impulse can be dispensed with. We need a police force at home, and the same need exists in the relations between nations."

The opportunity to carry out the proposals of the league to enforce peace, Mr. Taft said, is growing more and more apparent. "I do not know how near the end of the war we are, but there are indications that they are growing tired of war on the other side. A man came to see me the other day who had a conference with Sir Edward Grey and Premier Briand and discussed with them the proposals of the league. They both told him that if such a plan were made they did not see how it could be upon other than the lines proposed for this organization. And they looked to the United States for the formation of such a body."

SWITZERLAND GIVEN INDEMNITY PROMISE

Germany Announces That Money Will Be Paid for Loss of Two Swiss People on the Sussex.

Berne, Switzerland, May 18.—The federal government has announced that the German government has expressed regret that two Swiss citizens lost their lives when the Sussex was torpedoed. The Germans promised to indemnify the victims' families.

TO TRANSPORT BY SEA.

Serbian Troops from Corfu to Saloniki Front.

Berlin, via wireless, May 18.—A settlement of the dispute between Greece and the entente allies regarding the transportation of Serbian troops from the Corfu islands to the Saloniki front is reported from Athens to have been reached by the decision to transport the troops by sea and not by rail, to which Greece objected.

The Family Tree.

"I've looked up your family tree," said the genealogist, "but I doubt if you will be pleased with it. Your great-grandfather was hanged for murder; your great-grandfather was imprisoned for robbery; your grandfather was tarred and feathered for beating his wife. That's not a very good record, is it?" "I should say it is," replied the other emphatically. "It shows the family is getting better with each generation. I'm an improvement on the entire bunch—never been in jail yet. Let me have those records—I'm proud of 'em."—Boston Transcript.

In Order of Rank.

The following story is told of the mayor of a western city. A small boy, who afterward proved to be a nephew of one of the mayor's stenographers, was wandering about in the city hall, when one of the officials there happened upon him. "Well, sonny," inquired the man generally, "for whom are you looking?" "For my Aunt Kate," the boy replied. "Can't you find her?" "I can't seem to." "And don't you know where she is?" "Not exactly. She's in here somewhere, though, and I know that the mayor works in her office."—Harper's.

ACCEPTS ARMY BILL.

Senate Agreed to Conference Report Without Roll Call.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—The Senate without roll call agreed last night to the conference report on the army recognition bill. The bill provides for a regular army of 211,000 officers and men at peace strength, and approximately 260,000 at war strength, and for a federalized National Guard of 457,000 officers and men at maximum strength.

Discussion of the conference report embraced a denunciation of Great Britain for execution of the Irish revolutionists, attacks on the administration's Mexican policy, renewed assaults on the National Guard as a political force, and various criticisms of the provision for a government nitrate manufacturing plant.

Senator Fall asserted that General Pershing with the 14,000 troops at his command, could march on to Mexico City taking every town with little trouble if he were unhampered by orders from Washington and that 90 per cent of the Mexican people would welcome such action. He also declared that representatives of General Carranza were negotiating with foreign governments against the United States and that this government would be forced to fight foreign forces on Mexican soil if it did not soon do its full duty to the people of Mexico and the United States.

Senator Borah of Idaho renewing his attack on the National Guard as a political force, declared that it would prove to be more detrimental to the United States than an invading army. He arraigned Great Britain for the Irish execution, declaring there had been no greater blow to free institutions since the European war began.

Senator Lodge and Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee also criticized the army bill, the former blaming the House for not accepting a larger regular army proposed by the Senate, and the latter maintaining that the proposed army was too great. Senator Stone said he was so anxious to see the nitrate provision enacted that he would almost be willing to agree to any size army necessary, but insisted there was no need of an increased army.

Senator Brandegee, author of the amendment for regular standing army of 250,000 men at peace strength, which was rejected by the conference, declared that the English language was inadequate to express his disgust at the conference action and said he hoped "the good Lord who guards the drunkard and the fool will save the nation."

BIG WHISKEY RAID.

Rutland Woman Got Into Trouble When She Made Complaint.

Rutland, May 18.—Mrs. Catherine Crowe Mangan was arrested last night following a raid at her home when the police officers seized several gallons of whiskey, some in bottles and the remainder in jugs. The police have suspected the illicit transactions in booze in this immediate vicinity for several months and opportunity for the raid came yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Mangan registered a complaint with the police of the loss of \$100, a peculiar chain of circumstances leading up to the issuance of search warrants.

Mrs. Mangan complained of being robbed of \$100 on Tuesday afternoon. The saloons were closed all day on account of the primary election, but Mrs. Mangan had two strangers come to see her house and she entertained them for an hour or so.

One of the men returned yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock and after staying a half hour he excused himself, saying he wished to get some air. Leaving his hat in the house he walked out on the piazza. He is still taking the air and in spite of a diligent search by the police yesterday, neither he nor \$100 of the woman's money could be located.

NINE TEACHERS TO LEAVE.

Rutland High School Faculty to Have Many Changes.

Rutland, May 18.—The time for teachers in the Rutland public schools to sign contracts for re-engagement next fall expired yesterday and nine members of the high school teaching staff of 15 members failed to qualify. Of those who will quit their jobs two failed to re-elect, one was caught by Cupid's snares, two resigned to take better positions and the balance have not made public their plans for next season.

Raymond C. Bridges, head of the science department, who is to leave, was granted an increase in salary of \$100 by the board of education, and Miss Anna L. Butler of Proctor, another who failed to qualify, was re-elected with a \$50 increase. The others who did not sign contracts were Miss Rowena E. Purdon, Miss Mary L. Moor, who is to be married, Miss Nellie L. Dutton, Miss Marion E. Monroe and Miss Marion Thomas. Principal Isaac Thomas and Miss Christine L. Nelson failed of re-election. The election of Edward S. Abbott of Montpelier to take Mr. Thomas' place is the only vacancy thus far filled.

DROWNED MONTH AGO.

Body of Peter F. Morency Has Just Been Found in Black River.

Springfield, May 18.—The body of Peter F. Morency, who was drowned in Black River about four weeks ago, was found yesterday. Mr. Morency and William Benjamin attempted to cross the river on the night of April 21, near the Fellows Gear Shaper company, where they were employed, to their homes on River street, but the boat became unmanageable and went over the dam. Both jumped and Benjamin was rescued. The body was turned over to Undertaker W. H. Angel. Mr. Morency left brothers in Springfield, Mass., and an uncle in Brockton, Mass., who have been notified.

PAID \$194.60 FOR FISH.

Fred Murphy of Ripton Settled with the Court.

Springfield, May 18.—Fred Murphy of Ripton, arrested Monday night by George H. Chaffee, county and game warden, for having in his possession 35 short length trout, was brought to court yesterday and pleaded guilty. Murphy was fined \$84 for each fish, making \$175, with \$19.60 costs, all in \$194.60. The amount was immediately paid.

ISSUE WARNING TO OBSERVE LAW

Germany Sends a Notice to All German Citizens of United States

NEARLY TWO YEARS AFTER WAR STARTED

Von Bernstorff Tells Them to Respect U. S. Neutrality

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Germany, through Ambassador Count Von Bernstorff, has instructed all the German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens, in consequence of cases which have occurred lately, that it is their duty scrupulously to observe American laws. The action was taken in an effort to end various alleged violations of American neutrality.

It was said at the German embassy that the instructions were designed to prevent plots or lawlessness by German citizens who might be disposed to engage in such. The German government looks with great disfavor upon such conduct and desires that they shall not engage in breaking the law.

It was not disclosed whether specific cases have been brought to the attention of the German government, but it was made clear that Berlin officials want the United States to understand that they have not countenanced any illegal affairs with which Germans or sympathizers here have been connected.

RETIRE FLETCHER AS COMMANDER OF ATLANTIC FLEET

Change Will Bring Vice-Admiral Henry T. Mayo Into Command—Fletcher Will Be Assigned to Strategic Work.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Plans for the re-organization of the Atlantic fleet, to be announced shortly by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, include the retirement of Admiral Fletcher as commander-in-chief. Vice-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the first division of the fleet, with flag on the Arkansas, will succeed Fletcher who automatically returns to the line work of rear admiral and will probably be assigned to important strategic work.

Rear Admiral DeWitt Coffmans is to become vice-admiral. All the changes are to become effective June 19. Admiral Fletcher has completed his term as commander-in-chief.

WILSON WILL SPEAK.

Before League to Enforce Peace Next Week.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—President Wilson to-day accepted an invitation to speak Friday or Saturday of next week at a meeting of the League to Enforce Peace with former President Taft. President Wilson, in speaking to an anti-preparedness committee recently, suggested that after the war all the nations might combine in a league to enforce peace with a common police force.

REJECT DANIELS' PLAN.

House Naval Committee Maps Out Building Plan of Its Own.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—The House naval committee to-day voted to abandon the five-year building program recommended by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and to build five battle cruisers, no dreadnaughts and about 25 submarines by the current naval bill.

OBREGON DENIES REPORT.

That He Made Public Declaration of Confidence in President Wilson.

Mexico City, May 18.—General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, yesterday denied reports in circulation in the United States that he had expressed confidence that President Wilson did not contemplate war with Mexico.

"Please deny the report that I have made a public declaration of confidence that President Wilson does not contemplate war with Mexico," said General Obregon. "I have made no declaration, public or private, regarding international relations since leaving El Paso."

TRANSFERRED TO PLATTSBURG.

Three Companies of Regulars from Forts in Maine.

St. Johnsbury, May 18.—Three companies of regular troops stationed at Forts Preble and Williams in Maine, for the last nine years, went through St. Johnsbury yesterday en route for Plattsburg. The men were traveling in six cars attached to a special train and were a husky looking bunch of Uncle Sam's defenders. The troops formerly stationed at Plattsburg have been sent to Texas, and these companies replace them. One of the officers stated that they expected to be sent to Mexico before the expiration of six months.

Each company carried a dog mascot and the canines shared honors with their masters as they exercised on the station platform.

TORPEDO BOAT LOST.

German Vessel Said to Have Been Sunk By German Mine.

Copenhagen, via London, May 18.—A German torpedo boat has been sunk by a German mine off Falesterod, Sweden, according to the Berlingske Tidende's Malmo correspondent. All but one of the crew were saved.

HOUSE ABANDONED

After Having Been Undermined By Flood.

Portland, Me., May 18.—Flood conditions due to the unusual rainfall of the last 24 hours prevailed in southern Maine last night interrupting traffic on steam and electric railroads and causing other damage to valuable stocks in cellars, amounting to many thousands. Railroads and highway bridges were undermined and sections of roadbeds washed away.

Eight acres in the village of Yarmouth were covered with water and passengers by trolley to Brunswick were transferred across the water in boats. The library was completely surrounded by water.

The business section of Kennebunk was completely flooded and Mill street was turned into a small river. The damage there is estimated at \$20,000.

All trolley lines entering this city and Lewiston were wholly or partly tied up by washouts. The electric car service and steam railroad service except by way of the Grand Trunk between this city and Lewiston was completely tied up. The total precipitation for the 24 hours up to 8 o'clock last night was 4.99 inches. This has been exceeded but once in the history of the local bureau, 5.28 inches in September of 1890.

Passengers from Portland on the Worcester & Nashua division of the Boston & Maine were transferred from Portland to Gorham by electric and were taken to Buxton by handcars.

A two and one-half story house on the bank of the Presumpscot river was undermined and abandoned. At Gorham two bridges over Little river and Brandy brook were carried away. Rev. Dr. James Albion of the First Universalist church of Portland and party were coming from a wedding in West Baldwin in a seven-passenger auto and broke through the Brandy brook bridge, but all escaped without serious injury.

SACO CUT OFF

By the Worst Flood in a Quarter of a Century.

Saco, Me., May 18.—Thousands of dollars' damage was caused in this section yesterday by the worst flood in 25 years. Bridges are down, cutting off the city proper from several suburbs, trains are stalled outside the city, and in many streets the only feasible method of travel is by boat.

The rain flooded the streets and avenues leading to Thornton academy, marooning the teaching staff and pupils. Mayor James H. Fenderson hurried to the submerged district in an automobile and directed the work of rescue. Henry McKenney, the janitor, finally built a temporary bridge leading from the academy house, and the students and instructors crossed this and proceeded to upper Main street beyond the flooded section.

Late in the afternoon, about 50 workers employed at the Garland Manufacturing company on Water street were taken from the factory boats, the building being surrounded by water. The workers were not large enough to take care of the heavy rainfall. Nearly 200 cellars were flooded, and people were unable to get home last night, except in automobiles or in boats. The clerks in fish and grocery stores on Elm and Temple streets were marooned yesterday afternoon.

Three small bridges between here and Dunstan, on the Saco division of the Portland street railway, have been swept away. Goose Fair bridge, on the Old Orchard road, is under water and may be washed away. The old mill and dam at Thurston's mills, North Saco, went down stream last night.

\$20,000 FLOOD DAMAGE

Was Done When Main Street in Kennebunk Went Under Water.

Kennebunk, Me., May 18.—Damage estimated at \$20,000 was caused late yesterday by the flooding of Main street from the postoffice to the Mousam river and 300 feet on Water street, in the principal business section of the town, due to the effect of a five-inch rainfall.

The postoffice and theatre were surrounded by water 18 inches deep and all business came practically to a standstill.

CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

Is Being Held in Bennington—Statistics Show Membership Gain.

Bennington, May 18.—At the Vermont Congregational conference yesterday Auditor Horace F. Graham of Craftsbury delivered a short address upon "The Duty of the Church to the State."

The morning session was largely devoted to the 98th annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society, the directors' report being read by Rev. C. H. Merrill, the secretary. It showed the receipts of the year to have been \$16,308.39; expenses, \$8023.70; income from legacies and invested funds, \$7,713.34.

The statistical report, prepared by John M. Comstock of Chelsea, shows that there are now 216 churches in the state with a membership of 29,970, an increase of 320 over the number reported at the last conference. The amount of money raised for benevolence during the year was \$34,925 and funds raised for home expenses totaled \$276,684.

CLASS HONORS ANNOUNCED.

St. Johnsbury Academy Commencement Week of June 11.

St. Johnsbury, May 18.—The class day party at St. Johnsbury academy, June 14, have been announced as follows: Prophecy for the prophetess, Charlotte N. Bundy; presentation, Aroline S. Hunter; presentation to the presenter, Elbert Thomas Gallagher; class wife, Roland E. McSweeney, all of St. Johnsbury.

The commencement exercises will be held Thursday morning and the address to the class will be given by the former New York congressman, Hon. W. Bourke Cockran, of Port Washington, L. I. Congressman Cockran is the son-in-law of Judge Henry Ide of this place.

The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday night, June 11, by Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury.

Clerks' Notice.

There will be a clerks' meeting Friday, May 19, at 7 p. m. Don't forget to register.

BIG STRIDES BY ODD FELLOWS

Grand Lodge of Vermont Is Reported in Good Condition

7,600 MEMBERS NOW ENROLLED

J. G. Roy of West Barnet Was Elected Grand Master

Burlington, May 18.—The annual session of the grand lodge of the Vermont Order of Odd Fellows, was held here to-day with a record attendance. The total membership is 7,600 and there are 76 lodges. During to-day's exercises 68 candidates were initiated, and J. G. Roy of East Barnet was elected grand master, E. A. Spear of Woodstock deputy grand master, and L. C. Grant of Burlington treasurer.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Held Annual Meeting and Banquet at Burlington.

Burlington, May 18.—The past grand officers of the Odd Fellows of Vermont held their annual business meeting at the Hotel Vermont last evening with an unusually large attendance and elected the following officers: President, H. C. Farrar, P. G. M., of Rutland; vice-president, S. B. Waite, P. G. M., of Hyde Park; secretary, F. W. Jackson, P. G. M., of Bar